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The logo for the city of Spray, featuring the word "SPRY" in a large, brown, serif font. Below the letters are stylized waves in blue and green, and a yellow sun or arc. Two birds are flying in the background.

CANDIDATE PACKET

MAYOR

2023 CITY ELECTION



**ELECTION - 2023
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MAYOR**

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FILING FOR 2023 CITY ELECTION

General Election: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

TO: Candidates for Elected Office and Interested Parties

A City election will be held to elect the Mayor. City of Salisbury elections are non-partisan. Candidacy is open to any person who meets the following qualifications for office:

Resided in the City of Salisbury for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the date of election; must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must be a qualified registered voter of the City of Salisbury. (Salisbury Charter §SC3-2).

To be considered a candidate for Mayor, a Certificate of Nomination must be filed with the City Clerk on or before 4:30 p.m. on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the date for the General Election (Salisbury Charter §SC6-6). The filing deadline for the 2023 City Election is 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 22, 2023. The filing fee is \$25.00.

If you have any questions, please call the Salisbury City Clerk:

Kimberly R. Nichols, MMC
City Clerk
125 N. Division Street, Room 305
Salisbury, Maryland 21801-4940
Phone: 410-548-3140
Fax: 410-548-3781
E-mail: knichols@salisbury.md

Enclosure 1

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION
to
THE CITY OF SALISBURY

I hereby request you to place my name on the General Election City Ballot, to be voted on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the office of **Mayor** of the City of Salisbury, Maryland.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

E-mail address: _____

I hereby certify that I will have resided in the City of Salisbury for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election; I reside in the boundaries of my respective District on the date of filing for election and will continue to reside therein during the term to which I am elected; I am at least 21 years of age; and I am a qualified registered voter of the City of Salisbury. I am qualified to be a candidate for the office I am seeking.

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

The above certificate, together with a filing fee of \$25.00, was received by me on the _____ day of _____, ____.

Name

Title

____ \$25.00 Cash
____ \$25.00 Check # _____
____ \$25.00 Credit Card

Enclosure 2

CITY OF SALISBURY

2023 City Election

Affidavit of Use of Alternate Name

I, _____, hereby affirm, under the penalties of
(Full Legal Name)
perjury that the following statement by me is true:

Check one only:

☐ Press accounts concerning or relating to me refer to me by use of my alternate name,
_____, OR

☐ There are no relevant press accounts concerning or relating to me, however, in everyday encounters with members of my community, I am generally known by my alternate name, _____.

Date

Signature

Enclosure 3

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2.04 OF THE SALISBURY MUNICIPAL CODE
REFERRED TO AS THE "CITY'S ETHICS ORDINANCE"**

Instructions:

1. Fill in the preliminary information requested in the box below. Be sure to correctly identify the reporting period.
2. Upon completion of your financial disclosure statement, sign and date the lower portion of the page and make the required oath or affirmation before a notary public or other officer authorized to take oaths.

I wish to be notified of the names and addresses of any persons who have examined or copied my statement. Please check: Yes _____ No _____

Regular Reporting Period: January 1 through December 31, **2022**
or
Termination Report: January 1 through _____, **2022**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME
AGENCY AFFILIATION <i>(INCLUDE DEPARTMENT AND UNIT WHERE APPLICABLE)</i>		
CURRENT AGENCY ADDRESS <i>(WHERE YOU CAN BE SENT CORRESPONDENCE)</i>		
CURRENT POSITION OR OFFICE HELD WITH STATE, IF ANY <i>(OR OFFICE FOR CANDIDACY)</i>		
E-MAIL ADDRESS	Please list your email address on the last page of this packet (Page 18, Number 1) under Personal Information.	

This financial disclosure statement describes all interests and related transactions and matters required to be disclosed by State Government Article, Title 15, Subtitle 8 of the Maryland Public Ethics Law and Chapter 2.04 of the Salisbury City Code with respect to the period indicated and pertaining to the person filing the statement. The statement consists of this cover sheet, the checklist, and Schedules A through I.

I hereby make oath or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this financial disclosure statement, including the Schedules attached hereto, are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Person Filing: _____
(SEAL) Date: _____
Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____
Signature of Notary Public: _____
Printed/Typed Name of Notary Public: _____
My Commission Expires: _____

Instructions:

Check the proper block to Questions A through I. Do not leave any questions unanswered. If you check "Yes" to any question, be sure to complete the corresponding Schedule. For the purposes of this financial disclosure, the following interests are considered to be interests attributable to the individual making the statement:

- (1) An interest held by a member of the individual's immediate family, if the interest was, at any time during the reporting period, directly or indirectly controlled by the individual.
- (2) An interest held, at any time during the applicable period, by:
 - (i) A business entity in which the individual held a (10) % or greater interest;
 - (ii) A business entity described in section (i) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 25% or greater interest;
 - (iii) A business entity described in section (ii) of this subsection in which the business entity held a 50% or greater interest; and
 - (iv) A business entity in which the individual directly or indirectly, through an interest in one or a combination of other business entities, holds a 10% or greater interest.
- (3) An interest held by a trust or an estate in which, at any time during the reporting period:
 - (i) The individual held a reversionary interest or was a beneficiary; or
 - (ii) If a revocable trust, the individual was a settlor.

Caution: *Please read all instructions on accompanying instruction sheet including all definitions, before completing this form.*

	YES	NO
A. I held interests during reporting period in real property located in or outside Maryland. (If "Yes," complete Schedule A.)		
B. I held interests during reporting period in corporations, partnerships and similar entities. (If "Yes," complete Schedule B.)		
C. I held interests in a business entity which did business with the City. (If "Yes", complete Schedule C.)		
D. I received gifts during reporting period from or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any one person or legal entity who does business with or is regulated by the City. (If "Yes," complete Schedule D.)		
E. I or a member of my immediate family was a partner or held an office, directorship, or salaried employment during reporting period in or with a business entity doing business with the City. (If "Yes," complete Schedule E.)		
F. I or a member of my immediate family owed debts (excluding retail credit accounts) during reporting period to entities doing business with or regulated by the specific governmental unit of the City with which I work. (If "Yes," complete Schedule F.)		
G. A member of my immediate family was employed by the City of Salisbury during reporting period. (If "Yes," complete Schedule G.)		
H. I or a member of my immediate family received a salary or was sole or partial owner of a business entity from which earned income was received, during the reporting period. (If "Yes," complete Schedule H.)		
I. Is additional information set forth on Schedule I? (If "Yes," complete Schedule I.)		

Schedule A – Real Property Interests

Do you have any interest (**as an owner or a tenant**, including interests in time shares) in real property in Maryland or in any other state or country?

☐ Yes

☐ No (Go to Schedule B)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule A will be required for each property you need to disclose.)

1. What is the address or legal description of the property? **Please list the street address on the last page of this packet (Page 18, Number 2) under Personal Information.** If the property is your primary residence, you may enter the lot and block legal description instead, if you wish.

2. What kind of property is it?

Improved (indicate whether property is residential or commercial property): _____

Unimproved (vacant lot): _____

3. Is the interest held directly by you or is it attributable to you? (See Instructions for definition of "Attributable.")

Direct _____ Attributable _____

4. Are you the owner or tenant?

Owner _____ Tenant _____

5. Do you hold the interest solely or is it jointly held with another?

Solely _____ Jointly _____ Tenants by the Entirety _____

If held jointly, or by tenants by the entirety, the name(s) of the other joint owner(s): _____

6. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances on the property? (Example: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes; what is/are the name(s) of the lender(s), creditor(s), lien holder(s), etc?

7. What date was the property acquired? _____

8. How was the property acquired? (Example: purchase, gift, inheritance, etc.)

9. From whom was the property acquired? (Name of individual or entity from whom you purchased or inherited the property or who gifted the property to you.)

10. What consideration was given when the property was acquired? (Dollar amount paid or, if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property) _____

11. Have you transferred any interest in this property during the reporting period?

____ Yes

____ No

If Yes;

11.A. What percentage of interest did you transfer: _____%

11.B. What consideration did you receive for the interest: _____

11.C. To whom did you transfer the interest: _____

If you have any additional interests in real property in Maryland, any other state or any other country, please use additional sheet(s), if necessary, and respond to each above question for each such entry.

Schedule B – Interests in Corporations and Partnerships

Did or do you have any interest in any corporations, partnerships, limited liability partnerships (LLP), limited liability companies (LLC) during the reporting period whether or not the entity did business with the City?

☐ Yes

☐ No (Go to Schedule C)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule B will be required for each interest you need to disclose.)

1. What is the name of the entity? Include the complete name of the entity, do not identify solely by trading symbol: _____

2. Does the stock of the corporation trade on a stock exchange?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If "no," the legal address of the entity's principal office.

3. Is the interest held directly by you or is it attributable to you? (See Instructions for definition of "Attributable.")

Directly: _____ Attributable: _____

4. Do you hold the interest in your name alone, or is it held jointly?

In your name alone: _____ Jointly: _____

If jointly, the percentage of your interest: _____%

5. What is the nature of your interest and its dollar value or the number of shares? (Example: stock, notes, bonds, puts, calls, straddles, purchase options, etc.) If in a non-publicly traded entity or LLP or LLC, report the percentage of ownership.

Type: _____

Dollar Value of Shares: _____ or Number of Shares: _____

percentage of ownership: _____%

6. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances that apply to your interest in the entity? (Example: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.)

☐ No

☐ Yes; **If Yes**, name of entity holding the encumbrance: _____

7. Did you acquire an interest in the entity during the reporting period?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes;

7A. In what month was the interest acquired? _____

7B. How was the interest in the entity acquired? (Example: purchase, gift, will, etc.): _____

7C. From whom did you acquire the interest in the entity? (If you purchased it from a brokerage, the name of the brokerage): _____

7D. What consideration was given when the interest was acquired? (Dollar amount paid, or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property): _____

8. Have you transferred any interest in this entity during the reporting period?

____ Yes

____ No

If Yes;

8A. What portion of the interest was transferred? _____

8B. What consideration did you receive for the interest in the entity? (Dollar amount paid, or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value and terms at the time you transferred your interest in the property): _____

8C. To whom did you transfer your interest in the entity? _____

9. Does the entity trade as or do business under any other name(s)?

____ No

____ Yes; **If Yes**, what are the other name(s)? _____,

If you have additional interests in corporations or partnerships, please use additional sheet(s) if necessary, and answer each of the above questions for each additional entry.

Schedule C – Interests in Business Entities Doing Business with the City

Do you have an interest in any business entity that did business with the City during the reporting period?

☐ Yes
☐ No (Go to Schedule D)

If Yes: (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule C will be required for each business entity to be disclosed.)

1. Name and Address of the Principal office of the business entity?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. Is the interest held directly by you or is it attributable to you? (See Instructions for definition of "Attributable.")

Direct: _____ Attributable: _____

3. Do you hold the interest solely or is it jointly held with another?

Solely: _____ Jointly: _____

3.A. If jointly, the percentage of your joint interest: _____%

3.B. Dollar value of your interest in the entity: \$_____; or
percentage of your interest in the entity: _____%

4. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances that apply to your interest in the entity? (Example: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.)

☐ Yes, If yes give name of creditor: _____
☐ No

5. Was any interest acquired during the reporting year?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If Yes:

5A. What month was the interest acquired? _____

5B. How was the interest in the entity acquired? (Example: purchase, gift, will, etc.)

5C. From whom did you acquire the interest? _____

5D. What consideration was given when the interest was acquired? (Dollar amount paid or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property) _____

6. Did you transfer any of your interest during the reporting period?

____ Yes

____ No

If Yes:

6A. What percentage of interest, if less than all, was transferred? _____%

6B. What consideration did you receive for the interest in the entity? (Dollar amount paid or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value and terms at the time you transferred your interest in the property): _____

6C. To whom did you transfer your interest in the entity? _____

If you have additional interests in business entities that did business with the City during the reporting year, please use additional sheet(s) if necessary, and answer each of the above questions for each additional entry.

Schedule D – Gifts

During the reporting period, did you receive any gift(s), directly or indirectly, in excess of a value of \$20 or a series of gifts from the same donor with a cumulative value of \$100 or more from a person or entity who: 1) did or does business with the City; 2) engaged in an activity that was regulated or controlled by the City; or 3) from an association, or an entity acting on behalf of an association that is engaged only in representing counties or municipal corporations (including the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League). Gifts received from a member of the official's or employee's immediate family, another child, or a parent of the individual, do not need to be disclosed.

____ Yes

____ No (Go to Schedule E)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule D will be required for each gift.)

1. Who gave you the gift?

2. What was the nature of the gift? (Example: book, restaurant meal, theater tickets, book, etc.)

3. What was the value of the gift?

4. If the gift was given to someone else at your direction, list the identity of the recipient of the gift.

Please use additional sheet(s), if necessary, for any additional entries.

Schedule E – Officers, Directorships, Salaried Employment and Similar Interests

During the reporting period, did you or any member of your immediate family (spouse or dependent child) have any salaried employment or hold any office or directorship with an entity that did business with the City?

___ Yes

___ No (Go to Schedule F)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule E will be required for each disclosure.)

1. What is the name and address of the business entity?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. Who was the individual who held the position or interest listed above? (Example: yourself, spouse, dependent child)

Self: _____ Spouse: _____ Dependent child: _____

2A. Name of spouse or dependent child: _____

3. What is the title of the office you, your spouse or dependent child held? (Example: limited partner, director, treasurer, chair of the board of trustees, etc.) _____

4. What year did the position begin? _____

5. With what City Department(s) did the business entity do business? _____

6. What was the nature of the business? (Example: regulated by your agency, registered under the lobbying law, or involved with sales and contracts with the State)

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule F – Debts You Owe

During the reporting period, did you owe a debt (excluding a retail credit account) to a financial entity that did business with the City or is regulated by the City? **[NOTE: If, on Schedule A, B or C you listed a financial entity that did business with the City as the holder of your mortgage or other encumbrance, you must complete Schedule F with regard to that indebtedness.]**

☐ Yes

☐ No (Go to Schedule G)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule F will be required for each debt to be disclosed.)

1. To whom did you owe the debt? (Do not include consumer credit debts)

2. When was the debt incurred? _____

3. What are the interest rate and terms of payment of the debt?

Interest Rate _____

Terms (monthly, bimonthly, annually, etc): _____

4. What was the amount of the debt as of the end of the reporting period. If debt existed during the reporting period but was paid in full at the end of the period, put \$0.
\$ _____

5. Did the principal of the debt increase _____ or decrease _____ during the reporting period, and by how much? \$ _____

6. Was any security given for the debt?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes; Please state what type of security was given (home, car, boat, etc):

7. If this is a transaction in which you were involved, but which resulted in a debt being owed by your spouse or dependent child, identify your spouse or child and describe the transaction. _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule G – Family Members Employed by the City

During the reporting period, were any members of your immediate family (spouse or dependent children) employed by the City in any capacity?

____ Yes

____ No (Go to Schedule H)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule G will be required for each member of the immediate family who is employed by the City.)

1. What is the relation and name of the immediate family member employed by the City?

2. What is the name of the agency or department that employed the member of your immediate family? _____

3. What was the title of your immediate family member's position in the City during the reporting period? _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule H – Employment/Business Ownership

During the reporting period, did you or any member of your immediate family, receive any earned income from an entity other than the City of Salisbury? Please note that your dependent child's employment or business ownership does not need to be disclosed unless the place of employment or the business entity is subject to regulation or the authority of your department or has contracts in excess of \$10,000 with your department.

___ Yes

___ No (Go to Schedule I)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule H will be required for each member of the immediate family who had employment or ownership of a business entity.)

1. If, during the reporting period, you or a member of your immediate family had employment from which you or they earned income, list the relation, name, and address of the employment.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. If, during the reporting period, you or a member of your immediate family wholly or partially owned any business entity from which income was earned, list the relation, name and address of the business entity.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Name of Business Entity: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

3. If, during the reporting period, your spouse was a regulated lobbyist, list your spouse's name and the entity that engaged your spouse.

Name: _____

Name of Entity: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule I - Financial or Contractual Interests with the University of Maryland Medical System, Governmental Entity, or Quasi-governmental Entity

Did or do you have any financial or contractual relationship with the University of Maryland Medical System, Governmental Entity, or Quasi-governmental Entity? Quasi-governmental Entity is defined as an entity that is created by state statute, that performs a public function, and that is supported in whole or in part by the state but is managed privately.

___ Yes

___ No

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule I will be required for each disclosure.)

1. What name and address of the entity?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

3. What is the nature of the relationship (Example: financial or contractual):

4. When did the relationship begin? _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule J – Other

Is there any additional information or interest you would like to disclose?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If Yes; (describe the information or interest. A separate Schedule I will be required for each disclosure.)

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The Maryland Public Ethics Law and City of Salisbury Ethics Code includes standards of conduct applicable to financial disclosure filers and other City employees. The standards address disqualification from participation, prohibited secondary employment, prohibited ownership interests, misuse of position, prohibited solicitation and acceptance of gifts, misuse of confidential information, post-employment limitations, prohibited dealings with the City, and procurement specifications assistance restrictions. The Law provides for exceptions and exemptions under certain circumstances.

Filers wanting more detailed information about these requirements should contact the offices of the State Ethics Commission.

PRIVACY NOTICE

The Public Ethics Law (State Government Article, Title 15), Annotated Code of Maryland) requires the collection of this information, which will be used primarily for public disclosure and to determine compliance with the Law. The information may be disclosed to any requesting person, including officials of State, local or federal government, who records their name and address, and this record will be provided to the filer upon request. The subject has the right to review, correct and amend the record as set forth in the Public Ethics Law, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-625. Failure to file or to report information required by Public Ethics Law and Chapter 2.04 of the Salisbury City Code can subject you to civil and administrative penalties including termination or other disciplinary action, suspension of pay, a late filing fee up to \$250, and a civil fine of up to \$500 per day, and a criminal penalty with a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment of up to one year. Willful and false filing is subject to criminal penalty for perjury pursuant to Criminal Law Article § 9-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Personal Information

This page shall be removed should we receive a request to examine or copy your Statement.

1. Your e-mail address _____

2. What is the address or legal description of the property? (Schedule A, Number 1)
Street Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, _____, a candidate who has filed for the 2023 General Election for the Office of **Mayor** do hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of Chapter 1.12 of the *Salisbury Municipal Code* relating to campaign contributions and financial disclosure statements.

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

Campaign financial disclosure statements are due to the City Clerk:

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 (7 days prior to the General Election)

Friday, December 22, 2023 (45 days after the General Election)

Chapter 1.12
CITY CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING AND FINANCE

Sections:

1.12.010	Advertising
1.12.020	Books, records and receipts
1.12.030	Campaign contributions
1.12.040	Financial disclosure statements to be filed by the candidate or treasurer
1.12.050	Enforcement
1.12.060	Late filing of financial disclosure statements
1.12.070	Perjury
1.12.080	Penalty

1.12.010 - Advertising.

- A. A person, candidate, campaign manager, treasurer, partisan organization or political committee, including political clubs, or party committee may not expend any money for printing, publication or broadcasting of any political matter whatsoever, unless the matter purports on its face to be paid political advertisement and printed, published or broadcast by authority of the person, campaign manager or treasurer for the named candidate, partisan organization, party committee or political committee, including political clubs.
 - B. Requirements of Subsection A of this section shall not apply to any individual publishing or distributing campaign literature promoting passage or defeat of any principle or a proposition submitted to a vote at any city election, provided that such campaign literature is published and distributed independent of, and not in coordination with, any campaign, committee or other entity.
- (Ord. 1749 (part), 2000)

1.12.020 - Books, records and receipts.

- A. Every candidate for the office of mayor or city council for the city shall appoint a treasurer who shall have the responsibility of maintaining detailed, full and accurate accounts in a proper book or books to be called "account books." The account books shall contain a detailed record of contributions, monies, loans (including personal contributions, loans and monies) or valuable things received, including the date each contribution was received and the name and address of each contributor. The account books shall also contain a detailed record of all disbursements made by the candidate or his or her representative acting on his or her behalf.
 - B. Account books shall be maintained by the candidate or his or her representative for at least one year following the date of the general election.
- (Ord. 1749 (part), 2000)

1.12.030 - Campaign contributions.

- A. No candidate for mayor or for member of the city council shall receive campaign contributions in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per individual or entity per campaign in cash and/or for in-kind services of a commercial nature.
- B. The contributions or loans of a candidate or the candidate's spouse to the candidate's own campaign are not subject to the limitations of Subsections A and C, but must pass through the hands of the

candidate's treasurer and be reported as required in other provisions of this chapter. Personal expenses of the candidate for filing fees, telegrams, telephoning, travel and board, shall not be considered contributions if paid for by the candidate or the candidate's spouse.

- C. No loan may be made to the campaign of a candidate or accepted on behalf of the campaign, without express written consent of the candidate. Written consent constitutes the personal guaranty of the candidate for repayment of the loan, only if it expressly so provides. The aggregate amount of all outstanding loans to the campaign of a candidate shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per campaign. A loan shall not be forgiven in an amount in excess of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Subsection B is an exclusion to the requirements of this subsection.
 - D. Contributions of in-kind services of a commercial nature shall be valued at a rate commensurate with the cost of purchasing similar materials or services.
 - E. All campaign contributions shall be received by the date of the general election. Any campaign contributions received after the date of the general election shall be returned to the contributor.
- (Ord. 1749 (part), 2000) (Ord. No. 2318, 4-13-2015)

1.12.040 - Financial disclosure statements to be filed by the candidate or treasurer.

- A. The candidate and/or treasurer shall file a complete and accurate financial disclosure statement detailing the contents of the account books no later than seven days prior to the general election. The financial disclosure statement shall include, but not be limited to, the name, address, amount of contribution and the date all contributions were received. Contributions of in-kind materials or services shall be valued as stated in Section 1.12.020(B). Each financial disclosure statement filed shall also contain a full and complete record of expenses and list any expenses incurred by not yet paid.
 - B. A final disclosure statement shall be filed no later than forty-five (45) days after the date of the general election. After payment of all campaign expenditures, any surplus funds shall be paid by the treasurer to either:
 - 1. The city of Salisbury to help defray the expenses of the election;
 - 2. A charitable organization as defined in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Business Regulation Article, Title 6 as amended from time-to-time; or
 - 3. A political club, committee, or party of the candidate's choice.
 - C. No financial disclosure statements shall be required if the contributions received total less than six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the election; however, a statement under oath shall be filed by the candidate and treasurer that no financial disclosure statement is required pursuant to this section. Such statement, if applicable, shall be filed seven days prior to the general election.
 - D. Each financial disclosure statement shall include a representation certifying under oath that the contents of the statement are true and correct and shall be signed by the candidate and treasurer.
 - E. The foregoing provisions shall also apply to unsuccessful candidates.
- (Ord. 1749 (part), 2000) (Ord. No. 2318, 4-13-2015)

1.12.050 - Enforcement.

It shall be the duty of the city election board to enforce this chapter and to ensure that it is complied with by all candidates for city office.

(Ord. 1749 (part), 2000)

1.12.060 - Late filing of financial disclosure statements.

- A. There shall be a late filing fee for each financial disclosure statement which is not filed within the time prescribed. The fine shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for the first five days and ten dollars (\$10.00) per day thereafter for each date that the report is overdue. The maximum fine to apply to any one report shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). Weekends and holidays shall be excluded in the above time computations.
 - B. Any fines assessed pursuant to this chapter shall be the personal responsibility of the candidate and treasurer and may not be paid for by using campaign funds.
- (Ord. 1749 (part), 2000)

1.12.070 - Perjury.

Any willfully false, fraudulent or misleading statement or entry made by any candidate or treasurer in any statement or account under oath required by this chapter shall constitute the crime of perjury and shall be punishable by such according to the laws of this state.

(Ord. 1749 (part), 2000)

1.12.080 - Penalty.

The penalty for violation of this chapter, except for late filing as provided for above, shall be a fine of up to four hundred dollars (\$400.00) as determined by the city election board.

(Ord. 1749 (part), 2000)

As defined by the *Annotated Code of Maryland, Business Regulation Article, Title 6*

(1) Charitable organization means:

(I) a person that:

- 1. is or holds itself out to be benevolent, educational, eleemosynary, humane, patriotic, philanthropic, or religious organization; and
- 2. solicits or receives charitable contributions from the public; or (ii) an ambulance, fire fighting, fraternal, rescue, or police or other law enforcement organization when it solicits charitable contributions from the public.

(2) Charitable organization includes an area, branch, chapter, office or similar affiliate that solicits charitable contributions from the public within the State for a charitable organization that is organized or has its principal place of business outside the State.

(3) Charitable organization does not include: (i) an agency of the State government or of a political subdivision; or (ii) a political club, committee, or party.

**ACCOUNT BOOKS
CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

The report contained herein, as required by Chapter 1.12, City Campaign Advertising and Finance, of the *Salisbury Municipal Code* is filed for the following:

_____ INITIAL REPORT– seven (7) days prior to the General Election (due Tuesday, October 31, 2023)

_____ FINAL REPORT – 45 days after the General Election (due Friday, December 22, 2023)

All reports must be filed with the City Clerk by 4:30 p.m. on the day they are due.

ACCOUNT BOOKS CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	
Candidate for <u>Mayor:</u> _____	
Treasurer: _____	Statement as of: _____

Treasurer: _____ Statement as of: _____

[illegible]**TOTAL**

ACCOUNT BOOKS
CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Candidate for **Mayor:** _____

Treasurer: _____ Statement as of: _____

Treasurer: _____ Statement as of: _____

Date Rec'd	Contributor	Street Address City/State/Zip	Value of In-Kind Service	Remarks
		TOTAL		

Date Rec'd	Contributor	Street Address	City/State/Zip	Amount
			TOTAL	

ACCOUNT BOOKS
CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Candidate for **Mayor**: _____

Treasurer: _____

Statement as of: _____

DISBURSEMENTS:

Expenses Paid:

Check No.	Vendor Name	Street Address City/State/Zip	Purpose	Amount
			TOTAL	

OUTSTANDING EXPENSES:

Check No.	Vendor Name	Street Address City/State/Zip	Purpose	Amount
			TOTAL	

**ACCOUNT BOOKS
CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Candidate for **Mayor:** _____

Treasurer: _____ Statement as of: _____

We hereby certify that this Financial Disclosure Statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Candidate

Date

Treasurer

Date

**GENERAL INFORMATION
CITY OF SALISBURY ELECTION
2023**

General Election: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

The City of Salisbury's registered voters will cast their ballots to elect (1) Mayor and (5) Council members. The term of office for all current Council members (John "Jack" R. Heath, Muir Boda, Michele Gregory, April Jackson, and Angela M. Blake) and Mayor (Jacob R. Day) will expire in November 2023. The term of the Council members and Mayor elected in November 2023 will expire in November 2027. City Elections are non-partisan.

For information on voter registration, absentee ballots or obtaining a certified list of voters, please contact the Wicomico County Board of Elections Office at 410-548-4830.

Polling Locations

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Call the Wicomico County Board of Elections Office (410-548-4830) if you are unsure of your polling location.

Political Campaign Signs

City of Salisbury Zoning Code, Section 17.216.200B.11.

One or more political campaign signs which, in aggregate, do not exceed a total of thirty-two (32) square feet in area, set back at least fifteen (15) feet from the curblin, on any privately owned lot, except where a building is located less than fifteen (15) feet from the curblin and, in that event, the setback is the lesser of fifteen (15) feet or the distance between the building and the curblin.

**City of Salisbury
Board of Elections**

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Enclosure 8



NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

DISPLAY OF POLITICAL SIGNS AT POLLING LOCATIONS ON GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Maryland law prohibits electioneering within 100 feet of the entrance or exit to a polling place on Election Day. No electioneering means that no canvassing, electioneering, campaigning or posting of any campaign political material is permitted within the 100-foot zone. Posting of any campaign material is broadly interpreted to mean the wearing of any article of clothing, hat, sticker or button that indicates support of or opposition to any candidate, question or political party.

Three local churches have offered their facility for use as a polling location for the City's General Elections – Asbury United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge Baptist Church, and Wicomico Presbyterian Church. They are asking for your cooperation that political signs not be displayed on their properties during Election Day. Therefore, we request that you adhere to the following guidelines at all polling locations:

- No campaign signs are to be staked/placed on the polling location's property; and
- No vehicles of any type, including trailers, are to be parked on the polling location's property that contain campaign signs or material.

Candidates and/or campaign workers are welcome to distribute literature within the polling location's boundaries as long as they adhere to the 100-foot zone.

We thank you for your cooperation.

CITY OF SALISBURY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Enclosure 9

CITY OF SALISBURY - VOTER TURNOUT PERCENTAGES

1986 thru 2019

Election Year	Registered Voters	Number Voted	Percentages	Remarks
2019 - General-all Districts	16,433	2,899	17.64%	All (5) Districts, Mayor & Council
2015 - General- all Districts	13,455	1621	12.05%	All (5) Districts, Mayor & Council
2013 - General- both Districts	14,174	2,775	19.58%	District 1 and District 2
2013 - Primary- both Districts	14,199	1567	11.04%	District 1 and District 2
2011 - General / District Two	11,663	1,622	13.91%	District 2 Seats Only
2011 - Primary / District Two	11,522	1,226	10.64%	District 2 Seats Only
2009 - General / District One	1,783	275	15.4%	21.1%
2009 - General / District Two	10,893	2,400	22.0%	Overall
2009 - Primary / District One	1,772	183	10.3%	12.7%
2009 - Primary / District Two	10,785	1,410	13.1%	Overall
2007 - General / District Two	10,119	2,102	20.8%	District 2 Seats Only
2007 - Primary / District Two	9,974	1,363	13.7%	District 2 Seats Only
2005 - General / District One	1,618	203	12.5%	17.9%
2005 - General / District Two	9,285	1,757	18.9%	Overall
2005 - Primary / District One	1,735	49	2.8%	Mayor's Race Only on Ballot
2005 - Primary / District Two	9,589	750	7.8%	7.1% Overall Turnout
2003 - General / District Two	8,445	2,409	28.5%	District 2 Seats Only
2003 - Primary / District Two	8,625	2,075	24.1%	District 2 Seats Only
2002 - General / District One	1,591	396	24.9%	36.5%
2002 - General / District Two	7,928	3,079	38.8%	Overall
2002 - Primary / District Two	8,116	1,477	18.2%	None
2000 - General / District One	1,506	165	10.9%	Voted Question Only - District One
2000 - General / District Two	7,538	2,228	29.5%	26.4% Overall
2000 - Primary / District Two	7,538	1,503	19.9%	District 2 Seats Only
1998 - General / District One	1,969	317	16.1%	26.4%
1998 - General / District Two	9,206	2,633	28.6%	Overall
1998 - Primary / District One	1,969	255	12.9%	21.4%
1998 - Primary / District Two	9,206	2,130	23.1%	Overall
1996 - General / District Two	8,135	1,740	21.4%	First Non-Partisan Election
1996 - Primary / District Two	8,135	1,561	19.2%	District 2 Seats Only
1994 - General / District One	1,345	191	14.2%	28.6%
1994 - General / District Two	7,469	2,328	31.2%	Overall
1994 - Primary / District One	1,264	290	22.9%	26.7%
1994 - Primary / District Two	6,789	1,856	27.3%	Overall
1992 was the last year Non-Resident Property Owners were permitted to vote under 09000C identifier				
1992 - General / District Two	7,059	1,940	27.5%	District 2 Seats Only
1992 - Primary / District Two	7,068	1,045	14.8%	District 2 Seats Only
1990 - General / District One	1,040	109	10.5%	17.4%
1990 - General / District Two	7,393	1,354	18.3%	Overall
District One and District Two, Councilmanic Voting began in 1990				
1988 - General	7,657	1,974	25.8%	
1986 - General	7,474	1,879	25.1%	
1986 - Democratic Primary	4,814	838	17.4%	

Enclosure 10



ARTICLE II - The Mayor

§ SC3-1. – Term.

The Mayor shall be elected as hereinafter provided and shall hold office for a term of four (4) years or until his successor is elected and qualified, except that the term of the Mayor elected on the first Tuesday of April 2013 shall expire on the second Monday after the first Tuesday of November 2015. The regular term of the Mayor shall expire on the second Monday after the election of his successor.

[1959 Code, sec. 286. 1951, ch. 534, sec. 6][Amended 6-11-12 by Res. No. 2170]

§ SC3-2. - Qualifications.

The Mayor must have resided in Salisbury for at least one (1) year immediately preceding his election, must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must be a qualified voter of the city.

[1959 Code, sec. 302. 1951, ch. 534, sec. 2] [Amended 2-14-72 by Res. No. 154]

§ SC3-3. - Salary.

The Mayor shall receive a salary. A Salary Review Committee comprised of five (5) members to be appointed by the Mayor is hereby created to review the salary of the Mayor. The Committee shall make a written recommendation to the City Council six months prior to the next election for Mayor, with the Mayor's salary to be effective in the fiscal year after the Mayor's current term expires. Salary recommendations shall be considered by the City Council and salary shall be set forth and adopted in an Ordinance passed by the City Council. Thereafter, a Salary Review Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor every four (4) years to perform the task set forth herein, with salary to be established by the City Council by Ordinance. The Mayor may also be eligible to participate in benefit programs by paying the full cost of participation in the employee benefit programs. Nothing herein shall permit the Mayor's salary or benefits to be changed to be effective during the term for which the Mayor is then serving. The Committee established herein shall be the same Committee established for a similar review of the salary of the Councilmembers.

[1959 Code, sec. 303. 1951, ch. 534, sec. 22] [Amended 7-12-65 by Res. No. 594*; 11-12-73 by Res. No. 172**; 12-14-81 by Res. No. 231; 11-8-93 by Res. No. 439; 2-22-10 by Res. No. 1890; 2-25-11 by Res. No. 2036] * Editor's Note: For the preamble to Res. No. 594, adopted 7-12-65, see Art. II, § SC2-3.

** Editor's Note: For the preamble to Res. No. 172, adopted 11-12-73, see Art. II, § SC2-3.

NOTE:

Salaries of the Mayor and Council were changed by Ordinance No. 2473 on January 22, 2018. Effective July 1, 2020, the Mayor shall receive \$50,000 per year, the Council President shall receive \$15,000 per year and the other Council members \$12,000 per year.

§ SC3-4. - Powers.

- A. Ordinances. The Mayor shall see that the ordinances of the city are faithfully executed and shall be the chief executive officer and the head of the administrative branch of the city government. In these capacities, the Mayor shall be assisted by a City Administrator as provided in §§ SC4-1 and SC4-2 of this Charter. The Mayor is responsible for the administration of the city's affairs.
- B. Report. The Mayor shall prepare or cause to be prepared annually a report in the name of the government of the City of Salisbury. This report shall deal not only with the financial condition of the city, but also with the accomplishments of the various agencies and the city. This report shall be printed for general distribution.
- C. Appointments. The Mayor with the advice and consent of a majority of the full Council shall appoint the heads of all offices, departments and agencies of the government of the City of Salisbury as established by this Charter or by ordinance of the Council, with the exception of the City Clerk and the City Solicitor, who shall be appointed as provided in § SC8-1 and § SC9-1, respectively. The City Clerk shall serve at the pleasure of a majority of the full Council. The City Administrator and City Solicitor shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and a majority of the full Council. All other department heads shall serve continuously unless terminated pursuant to § SC2-10. All subordinate officers and employees of the offices, departments and agencies, excepting those serving under the City Clerk and the City Solicitor, shall be appointed by the Mayor on the recommendation of the head of the office, department or agency concerned subject to budgetary appropriations. Except as may be modified by the adoption of a merit system, all subordinate officers and employees may be removed by the Mayor on the recommendation of the appropriate office, department or agency head, excepting those serving under the City Clerk and the City Solicitor.
- D. Vetoes. The Mayor shall have the power to veto ordinances passed by the Council as provided in § SC2-12.
- E. Recommendations. The Mayor each year shall report to the Council the condition of municipal affairs and make such recommendations as he deems proper for the public good and welfare of the city.
- F. Budget. The Mayor annually shall prepare or have prepared a budget and submit it to the Council. He shall be responsible for the administration of the budget as adopted by the Council.

[1959 Code, sec. 304. 1951, ch. 534, sec. 23] [Amended 5-23-05 by Res. No. 1247; 10-10-11 by Res. No. 2109; 4-28-2014 by Res. No. 2398]



**ELECTED OFFICIALS
PARTICIPATION IN THE
STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM OF MARYLAND**

The City of Salisbury participates in the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland.

Elected Officials may enroll or waive to opt out of the Maryland State Retirement Plan. Once the decision is made it is irrevocable. If Elected Officials chose to enroll in the State Retirement and Pension System of Maryland they will be enrolled in the Alternate Contributory Pension Selection Plan and will be required to contribute 7% of their annual compensation. The contributions are automatically deducted from your paycheck.